past due to incompetence and inefficiency on the part of Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer;

(c) the amount of loss sustained and persons killed thereby during the period; and

(d) what action, if any, has been or is being taken against the defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of train partings on Allahabad Division, month-wise, are as per statement attached. (*See* below).

(b) No Sir. The apparent increase in the incidence from February 1986 onwards is mainly on account of changed statistical procedure and increased throughout.

(c) The direct loss due to these train partings was negligible and no person was killed as a result thereof during the period 1984 to 1986.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of train partings on Allahabad Division during the period 1984 *to* 1986 *month-wise is tabulated as under :*

Month	1984	1985	1986
January	21	15	16
February	14	8	34
March	15	8	20
April	9	9	31
May	8	9	29
June	11	7	31
July	13	12	37
August	5	16	42
September	7	14	24
October	11	12	31
November	13	19	35
December	13	17	24
TOTAL :	140	146	354

Redressal of Public grievances by Railways

112. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per directive issued by the Prime Minister to sort out public grievances expeditiously, Senior Additional Divisional Railway Managers have been appointed to function as Director (Public Grievances) on Indian Railways;

(b) whether no extra staff has been provided to Additional Divisional Railway Managers for the purpose:

(c) whether a new device for completely eliminating public complaints has ben introduced by certain Zonal Railways by way of removing printed complaints books from counters at important stations like *Ahmedabad; Agra, Kanpur and* Ambala etc.; and

(d) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to give rewards to the Area Managers at the above stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Public Grievance Redressal Machinery on the Divisions is functioning under the charge of Additional Divisional Railway Managers.

(b) No additional posts have been created for redressal of public grievances and the work is being attended to within the existing manpower available.

(c) No, Sir. Printed complaint books are available at stations.

(d) Does not arise.

Dismissal/suspension of Class III Railway Employees

113. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Class III employees suspended, reverted, removed|dissmissed and compulsorily retired under review scheme by the Senior Divisional Commercial Superintendent, Northern Railway, Allahabad, during the period January, 1986 to February, 1987; monthwise, separately.

(b) whether other departmental heads on Allahabad Division itself, are not following the same pattern;

(c) whether appeals of aggrieved railway employees are being deliberately delayed by Senior Divisional Commercial Superintendent; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the speedy justice to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Electronic Exchange at Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh

114. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce electronic exchange or crossbar exchange at Karim Nagar, Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so. the probable date by which it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. There is proposal for a 2,000 lines Indian Crossbar type exchange, project estimate has been sanctioned.

(b) There is no land avilable at present. It will take about 5 years for exchange to start functioning after the land becomes available.

Specialist Status in the N.D.M.C. Health Cadre

115. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Medical Officer of Health and Medical Supdt. of NDMC Hospital, Moti Bagh, New Delhi belong to a specialist